Office of the City Manager Letter to Commission No. 235-2004



Date: September 1, 2004

To:

Mayor David Dermer and

Members of the City Commission

From:

Jorge M. Gonzalez

City Manager

Subject:

November 2, 2004, Miami Beach Straw Ballot Questions

Below is the ballot language for the three (3) Straw Ballot questions.

Question 1

ADVISORY, NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION - BAY LINK STREETCAR RAIL SYSTEM.

SHOULD MIAMI BEACH APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED STREETCAR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM COMMONLY KNOWN AS "BAY LINK", RUNNING ON TRACKS AND CONNECTING A LOOP AROUND DOWNTOWN MIAMI TO A LOOP AROUND SOUTH BEACH VIA A DEDICATED LANE ADDED TO THE MACARTHUR CAUSEWAY, PROVIDED THAT NO CONCURRENCY OR DEVELOPMENT CREDITS ARE GRANTED BY MIAMI BEACH FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT ALL CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE PAID ENTIRELY FROM FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY FUNDS?

Question 2

ADVISORY, NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION – 63RD STREET FLYOVER.

SHOULD THE FLYOVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF 63RD STREET AND INDIAN CREEK BE PRESERVED (NOT DEMOLISHED)?

Question 3

ADVISORY, NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION – ANNUAL LIMIT ON LARGE PROJECTS.

SHOULD THE MIAMI BEACH COMPRÉHENSIVE PLAN BE AMENDED TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LIMITS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS THAT ARE LARGER THAN 50,000 SQUARE FEET WHERE APPROPRIATE?

Cc: Murray Dubbin, City Attorney Jean Olin, Deputy City Attorney

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